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TAGS: CARR, SA  
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR LEGAL SERVICES

REF: 2 FAM 283.1; 2 FAM 283.4

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FURNISHED THE DEPARTMENT TO  
REQUEST APPROVAL TO OBTAIN LEGAL SERVICES.

A. THE EMBASSY PRESENTLY IS WORKING TO FREE A NUMBER OF  
AMERICANS WHO ARE IMPRISONED IN SAUDI ARABIA. IT IS THE  
CUSTOM TWO TIMES A YEAR, AT THE BEGINNING OF RAMADAN (THE  
MONTH OF FASTING) AND AT THE END OF THE PILGRIMAGE. RAMADAN  
WILL BEGIN ON AUGUST 15 THIS YEAR. THE EMBASSY IS  
SEEKING A WAY TO GET A NUMBER OF AMERICAN PRISONERS ON THE  
PARTIAL AMNESTY LIST AND WISHES TO OBTAIN LEGAL COUNSEL TO  
THIS END.

B. HASSAN MUHASSANI, P.O. BOX 2206, JIDDA, SAUDI ARABIA.  
C. LLB, SYRIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY 1975, PRIVATE  
PRACTICE IN DAMASCUS FROM 1957 TO 1965, SPECIALIZING IN  
CORPORATION MATTERS; LICENSED BY SYRIAN LAWYERS BAR ASSO-  
CIATION, DAMASCUS, IN 1960, MEMBER TO 1965; MEMBER, SYRIAN  
BAR ASSOCIATION, 1957-1965, ESTABLISHED PRIVATE PRACTICE  
IN JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA IN 1965, ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE  
THE COURTS OF SAUDI ARABIA, 1966. LEGAL ADVISOR TO MINISTRY  
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OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, 1965 TO 1970;  
GENERAL PRACTICE SPECIALIZING IN CORPORATE LAW. FOREIGN  
INVESTMENT, COMMERCIAL LAW, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW, BANKING LAW,  
REAL ESTATE, MARITIME LAW AND CIVIL LITIGATION. LISTED  
UNDER 7 FAM 873.

D. MR. MOHASSANI IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE BEST AND  
MOST EXPERIENCED LAWYERS IN SAUDI ARABIA.

E. IN SAUDI ARABIA THE BEST CAN BE VERY EXPENSIVE.  
WE ESTIMATE \$100/ HOUR FOR THREE HOURS OF CONSULTATIONS.  
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